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## GERMANS DRIVEN BACK BEFORE ITALIANS; BRITISH WIN

ARMY TO  
COMPILE  
REPORT?

Dissatisfaction Among Militia Officers Reaches a Point Where They are Ready to Resign; Deterred by Army Report Which May Force a Change in Administration

Dissatisfaction with the administration of the National Guard of Hawaii reached almost to the point of numerous resignations of officers yesterday, according to current rumor today, and but for the fact that action to clear the superheated atmosphere seems in sight, the resignations might have materialized.

Criticism is centering around Adjutant General Samuel L. Johnson. In fact, as the situation stood today, it is probable that if General Johnson remains at the head of the guard, there will be resignations of a number of officers.

However, there was apparent today a disposition to wait action that may follow the report of the regular army officers, including that of the inspector-instructor, upon administration, conditions and results of the camp at Kawaihoa.

The criticism revolves particularly around the alleged fact that a well-considered program for the last week of the camp was almost entirely set aside at the instance of General Johnson, and most of the time the guardsmen either did little or else prepared for the review during the visit of the congressmen, devoting a great deal of time to lining up and to "eyes right" practice.

It is also said that representations may be made to Washington that General Johnson should not be continued as active head of the guard, though his zeal and energy are recognized.

Discipline at the camp is said to have been upset by numerous infractions, though some battalions are understood to have been much better handled than others. It is also talked about that there were entirely too many social functions in which the "higher-ups" participated, and that, in short, half of the period at camp was almost wasted, no intensive training being carried out day after day.

## Johnson Shifts Blame

Gen. Johnson, seen today by a representative of the Star-Bulletin in regard to the charge that the schedule was not followed during the guard encampment, said that this was a matter not up to him but to the army instructors at the camp. He had no say as to the following of the program, which had been prepared by the Hawaiian department some two months previous, he stated.

An army headquarters, though officers refused to discuss the personal element in the case, they stated upon questioning that responsibility for the following out of the program rests with the camp commander, and that the army men at the camp are there as instructors.

Maj. Will Wayne, camp adjutant, explained today that the funeral services for the late queen made it impossible to follow the program on the first week of the camp, as men were drawn from a number of the companies to participate in the procession on the day of the burial. This disarranged the following of the schedule to quite an extent. The following week it was deemed necessary to give the men, raw privates many of them, instruction enough to know how to perform at a review, which also had not been considered at the time the schedule was in the making.

As to the riot among Filipinos one night over admission to a moving picture show, Maj. Wayne classed this as nothing more serious than an average street brawl.

Guardsmen in town today say that there seemed to be a feeling among some of the Filipinos likely to develop into trouble at any time. One night during a gambling game, according to the story, a Hawaiian guardsman threw a lighted cigarette among a group of Filipinos. These scattered and the Hawaiian rushed in and gathered up the spoils. On the night the Filipinos broke out, it is said, they tied white bands around their arms in order to be able to distinguish each other in the dark. Quick action on the part of officers in getting assembly calls sounded on the bugle broke up what appeared to be a well started riot.

Gen. Johnson said today that he has every faith in the Filipinos. They are hard workers and faithful, he says. Any attempt to discredit them is unfair.

Due to the continued indisposition of E. A. Mott-Smith, of the finance committee of the board of supervisors, there will very likely be no report made Wednesday evening on the city budget for 1918.

FRISCO FIRMS APPEAL TO U. S.  
TO SAVE HAWAIIAN BANANAS

Want T. K. K. Boats to Carry Fruit in View of Company's Refusal to Serve Two Flags Unless Government Makes Arrangement With Japan

While large amounts of bananas are being shipped to the mainland, some in foreign bottoms under the special grant of the federal shipping board, a large quantity of the fruit is spoiling in local warehouses, growers and shippers claim, as there are no other important uses to which the fruit may be put locally.

In order to prevent this spoilage, and to secure adequate cargo space for the shipment of Hawaiian bananas to the mainland, twelve large San Francisco fruit firms have written to the federal shipping board appealing for relief.

They point out especially their desire to have arrangements perfected whereby the vessels of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha line may carry Hawaiian bananas providing they have the necessary space. This appeal is in line with one sent the federal board some time ago by local shippers and growers, and shows that the demand for Hawaiian bananas on the mainland is large, and that the market is good.

The letter, sent from San Francisco on November 15, follows:

"The undersigned, receivers and handlers of bananas from the Hawaiian islands, respectfully call your attention to the disturbed condition of transportation between Hawaii and San Francisco, and urge your very serious consideration to prevent a very grave loss of property on account of the removal of the regular steamers on this run.

"The removal of the Matson Navigation company's steamers which have been bringing about 5000 bunches of bananas from Honolulu to San Francisco weekly, means a very serious loss to the growers of this fruit in the islands, as there is absolutely no other place to which it can be shipped. It means a total loss of this fruit if it cannot be shipped when ready for shipment, and means a very serious decrease in the edible food for use in San Francisco and vicinity.

"The smaller steamers put on the run are not constructed or fitted to carry this fruit which you no doubt know must be handled within certain temperatures and with ventilation brought through in condition and some of the foreign liners calling there may bring some small quantities at irregular intervals.

"Our special appeal to you at this time is in regard to the steamers of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, this being a Japanese company. The local agent, William H. Avery, informs the writer that they will not carry bananas or any other freight coastwise unless notified by this government that the law permits to do so without any penalty or obligation on their part and if they have a notice to this effect which will not place them under the control of this government, more than at present, they would then take it up with their government and carry the bananas if ordered to do so, their objection to handling it otherwise being that they could not afford to be under the jurisdiction of the United States government at the same time, as their orders might conflict if subject to any special rules on account of coastwise trade.

"These vessels are fitted to carry bananas in good shape. They have large carrying capacity and as they bring large steerage passengers, also Oriental freight, from Japan to Honolulu, which they discharge there, they have room to bring bananas from Honolulu here."

Thanksgiving, War, Nuuanu Water, Land Question, Music and a Few Other Things Diversify Rapid-Fire Program of Live-Wire Organization

Mirth and merriment, serious talks, in subject as well as in the geographical residences of those who responded to the calls by President Farrington. Judge Sanford B. Dole started off the talks, many congressmen were called on, several private citizens and several officials. The approach of Thanksgiving was heralded by talks on "What I Am Thankful For." The majority of congressmen who responded did so with such eloquence of praise for Hawaii that nothing but the Ad club spirit could have remained unabashed.

John A. McCandless furnished some of the serious element when in three minutes of emphatic language he declared that he is against turning over plantation cane land leases to public entry holobolus, referring to the land question that has been one of the main problems dealt with by the congressmen and the many who have been given them advice and information. McCandless declared that the people are being robbed, that the land should be preserved for them, and that, on the other hand, it is not valued highly enough, that it is worth \$10,000,000 instead of \$3,000,000, as one estimate has made it.

Among the musical features were

Manoa Alters  
Course; Eludes  
Strange Ship

Suspicious Vessel Attempts to Head Across Matson Boat's Bow, Whereupon Liner Maneuvers to Throw Unknown Astrer

Sudden shifting of the course of an unidentified steamer which apparently headed to come across the bows of the steamer Manoa last Friday noon caused the master of the Matson vessel to quickly change his route to a southerly one so as to bring the unknown ship astern. It was figured the stranger might be a German raider.

Once astern the strange vessel stopped and shortly afterward the Matson steamer resumed her voyage to Honolulu after vain attempts had been made to get the strange ship to answer wireless and signal calls as to her identity.

Such is the story of the Manoa voyage brought to Honolulu by the ship's passengers, which was later authenticated by M. A. Franklin, collector of customs, who was on the bridge of the Matson steamer as the course of both vessels was so suddenly changed.

Captain A. L. Soule, master of the Manoa, the naval authorities, or Castle & Cooke, the Matson agents, would give out no information regarding the strange encounter of the two vessels.

Collector Franklin gives specific details of the attempt of the unknown vessel to cross ahead of the Manoa's course.

"The strange vessel, which appeared about the size of the Mauna Kea and was high up out of the water, was to our starboard about 10 or 15 miles. She was proceeding in an opposite direction from the Manoa course," he said.

"Soon after sighting the vessel Captain Soule gave a sudden order and the Manoa swung sharply around. At the same time it could be seen that the other vessel had already changed her course.

"What's the matter?" I asked the captain.

"Don't you see she is trying to cross our bows?" he answered. Then he added, "She hasn't speed to catch us and is trying to head us off. It may be a German raider."

"Shortly after we altered our

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Italy Holds  
Germans In  
Great Fight

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—News was received here today that the Austro-Germans have again failed in desperate attempts to pierce the Italian front.

Heavily reinforced masses of the enemy, estimated at no less than 20 divisions, made a series of furious attempts to break through the Piave-Brenta line, but were repulsed with great losses.

BERLIN, Germany, Nov. 27.—The British made an attack today at the Germans in the Bourlon wood positions but were repulsed.

On the Italian front the situation is unchanged.

PREDICTS DOOM  
OF TRANSPORT,  
GERMAN JAILED

Max Straub, a German alien, was arrested last night by Police Officer Holstein. He was charged with having uttered seditious and disloyal statements, while confining with a group of sailors attached to an army transport now in port. Straub was locked up at police headquarters and booked for investigation. He will be turned over to the federal authorities.

"The transport will be torpedoed after she is two days out of Honolulu," Straub is alleged to have declared. He is also alleged to have libeled the United States government with seditious talk. The sailors in the group held him until a police officer arrived.

IMPORT DUTIES  
INTO MEXICO GO  
UP BY DECREE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
MEXICO CITY, Mex., Nov. 27.—Gen. Venustiano Carranza, president of Mexico, has issued decrees increasing from 25 to 50 per cent the import duties on certain classes of merchandise, to 75 on wine and alcoholic duties, and to 80 on foreign beer. The increased rates will be effective Jan. 1.

## LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

GERMANS REPORTED HELPING BOLSHEVIKI LEADERS  
LONDON, Eng., Nov. 27.—German staff officers are reported to be in Petrograd in an advisory capacity to the Bolshevik leaders, working with Lenin.

RUSSIAN COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IS SHATTERED  
LONDON, Eng., Nov. 27.—All communication between North and South Russia has been broken. Official messages from Odessa to Petrograd can now be sent only via Persia.

TWO AMERICANS KILLED, FIVE WOUNDED IN FRANCE  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Two American soldiers were killed and five severely wounded in artillery fighting on November 20 between the Germans and the Americans on the French line, says a report from General Pershing made public today.

U. S. ROUNDING UP ANARCHISTIC ITALIANS  
SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 27.—More than a hundred Italian miners, shipyard workers and others belonging to the Corcola Studi Sociali, which is alleged to be an anarchistic society, were arrested today in this city, Portland, Spokane, Tacoma and other northwest cities by the U. S. immigration officials in a series of raids.

SEEK TITLES TO HUGE TRACTS OF KAUAI LAND.  
Late this afternoon the Koloa Sugar Co. of Kauai, by Hans Isenberg, its president, filed in the land court its petition for registration of title to 1919.70 acres of land on the Garden Island. At the same time the Paa Agricultural Co., by Hans Isenberg, its president, filed its petition for registration of title to 952.85 acres of land on Kauai.

WEINBERG ACQUITTED IN 'FRISCO BOMB CASE.  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 27.—Israel Weinberg, fourth of the bomb murder defendants in the cases growing out of the explosion during the San Francisco preparedness parade more than a year ago, was acquitted today after the jury was out 22 minutes. Weinberg was charged with driving to the scene of the explosion three of the six defendants. Billings and Mooney have already been convicted and Mrs. Rena Mooney acquitted. On behalf of Weinberg, alibi witnesses made out a strong case.

ALIEN SENT TO COAST.  
Joseph Robert Rose, who claims to be a Russian, but who has been in custody as a suspected dangerous German alien, was to be sent to the mainland on a foreign vessel this afternoon. Rose was arrested by the local federal officials upon instructions from Washington, D. C.

GIVEN FIVE MONTHS.

Albert Silva, charged with selling liquor to enlisted men in uniform, was sentenced by Federal Judge Polindexter this afternoon to serve five months in Oahu prison.

Hindu Balks  
Won't Testify  
In S. F. Trial

Jodh Singh, Star Government Witness, Takes Side of Defense Now

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 27.—An unlooked for development in the India conspiracy trial in federal court here today brought one of the witnesses from the side of the prosecution to that of the defense.

The witness is Jodh Singh, a Hindu who was the government's star witness and who was one of those who gave important testimony for the prosecution at the trial of Albert Wehde and others in Chicago.

When brought to the stand today he refused to testify and asked the judge if he would be free to remain in this country after testifying.

The judge replied, "That is up to the government," after which Jodh Singh definitely refused to give evidence, and was immediately listed by the court as one of the defendants in the case.

"I am glad to join the defendants and glad that I am no longer a witness," said the Hindu and was loudly cheered by the other Hindus, who greeted him with cries in their own language, the interpretation being, "You are our brother."

Taking Steps  
To Balk Spies  
And Messages

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Regulations governing the transmission out of and into the United States of all communications other than by mail will be issued in a few days. These regulations will deal with cable and wireless communications.

Sending of bills of lading and similar business and the sending of documents to and from foreign countries will not be forbidden. Commercial travelers and representatives of other business may carry in their luggage letters relating strictly to business. But there will be a general tightening on the censorship of communications.

NEW YORK STOCK  
MARKET TODAY

Alaska Gold ..... 2 1/4  
American Smelter ..... 78  
American Sugar Rfg. .... 98  
American Tel. & Tel. .... 106 3/4  
Anaconda Copper ..... 58  
Atchafalca ..... 84 1/2  
Baldwin Locomotive ..... 55 1/2  
Bethlehem Steel ..... 81 1/4  
Calif. Petroleum ..... 13  
Canadian Pacific ..... 134 1/2  
C. & M. & St. P. (St. Paul) ..... 37 1/2  
Colo. Fuel & Iron ..... 36  
Crucible Steel ..... 55 1/2  
Cuban Sugar ..... 29 1/2  
Erie Common ..... 14 1/2  
General Electric ..... 127 1/2  
General Motors, New ..... 90 1/2  
Great Northern Pfd. .... 90 1/2  
Inter. Harv. N. J. .... 33 1/2  
Kennecott Copper ..... 33 1/2  
Lehigh R. & N. .... 54 1/2  
New York Central ..... 67 1/2  
Pennsylvania ..... 46 1/2  
Ray Consol. .... 22 1/2  
Reading Common ..... 70 1/4  
Southern Pacific ..... 82 1/2  
Studebaker ..... 42 1/2  
Texas Oil ..... 144 1/2  
Union Pacific ..... 114 1/2  
U. S. Steel ..... 97 3/4  
Utah ..... 78 3/4  
Western Union ..... 83 1/2  
Westinghouse ..... 38 3/4

\*Bid. †Ex-dividend. ‡Unquoted.

RUSSIA'S PLIGHT IS WORSE;  
ARMIES WITHOUT FOOD, THREAT  
OF GENERAL FLIGHT IS MADE

ONLY ONE-FIFTH OF NEEDED NUMBER OF SUPPLY CARS REACHING WORN ARMY ON DVINSK FRONT—CIVIL WAR IS MENACE

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)

ROME, Italy, Nov. 27.—An entire division of the Austro-German forces on the Italian front was driven back yesterday. The division attacked the Italian lines in the Brenta valley.

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Nov. 27.—Five Teuton attacks were made today on the left wing of the Italian fourth army near Monte Pertica but were repulsed.

BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE, Nov. 27.—The British advanced today in the Cambrai region and in the northwestern part of Fontaine and Notre Dame.

LONDON, England, Nov. 27.—Stories reaching here tell of a desperate plight of the large Russian armies still remaining on the eastern line which has given impetus to a movement among those now in authority to withdraw the armies generally.

The Russians on the northern front, in the Dvinsk-Biga region, have been without bread for several days and now have only a couple of days' supply of army biscuit, and are woefully short of all other provisions.

The delegates of the soldiers' and workmen's council are reported to have recommended the withdrawal of troops to prevent a general flight, as the soldiers, starving and suffering from exposure, are getting restive.

Instead of the hundred food cars daily needed to keep up the rations for the army on the Dvinsk front, there are only 20 now reaching that section of the line.

Starving Soldiery May Raid Towns;  
Allied Diplomats Ready to Leave

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—Bloody civil war threatens Russia. The Maximilists and Bolsheviks are going ahead with their plans for an armistice and have the support of the soldiers. At the fronts there is such a shortage of provisions and the suffering is so acute that it is feared the soldiers will come in and enter and raid the cities to secure what they need. The ambassadors of the Allies are prepared to immediately demand their passports in case Russia shall enter into an agreement with the Central Powers for an armistice. These are some of the disquieting reports that were received yesterday and last night relative to the crisis in Russia.

Support Radicals  
With one dissenting vote the congress of the second army passed a resolution which gave approval to the plan for an immediate armistice as preliminary to peace and pledging its support to the colors of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Council Delegates, now in control, and assurance that in no event will it lend its support to Kerensky, was the report which was received from Petrograd direct.

Ambassadors Ready  
Preparations for departure from Petrograd were told in despatches from Haparanda that reached Copenhagen and which said that it had been decided that in the event of Russia opening negotiations for peace with Germany or any or all of the Central Powers the ambassadors of all of the Allied nations would immediately demand their passports and would leave the country forthwith.

DANIELS AGAINST  
DECORATION FOR  
U. S. NAVAL MEN

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today made a statement in which he announced himself as opposing the suggestion that American naval officers and men be allowed to accept decorations at the hands of foreign governments for distinguished service.

U. S. ARMY AND  
NAVY HEADS GO  
TO WAR FRONT

(Associated Press by U. S. Naval Wireless.)  
PARIS, France, Nov. 27.—Gen. Tasker H. Bliss, chief of staff; Admiral Benson and two members of their staffs now in France with the American war mission, motored today to French army headquarters and will spend some time there.

Col. E. M. House of Texas, chairman of the commission, and other members are in conference with French officials here.

GERMAN PATENTS  
NOW PUT TO USE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—The first license issued by the United States for the use of German patents which was denied before the war—has been given to three chemical manufacturing concerns of New York and Philadelphia.

The federal trade commission is not fixing the price of articles manufactured under these licenses but maintains the rights of the patent for its licensees.

CAUCASUS SETS  
UP GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 27.—The U. S. consul at Tiflis, Persia, reports that a new government has been established in the Caucasus region as a protest against anarchical conditions there existing.